(b) if so, whether remote and backward areas in Vidarbha region have been included in the list of 93 districts to improve malaria prevention, elimination of kala-azar and eradication of polio through effective prevention, diagnosis and treatment services; and

(c) whether periodic monitoring of this project would be done by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. For implementation of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme a sum of US $ 250 million and US $ 271 million for polio Eradication has been approved by World Bank.

(b) Yes, Sir. Out of five malaria prone districts from Maharashtra, two districts namely Chandrapur & Gadchiroli are from Vidarbha region included in the list of 93 districts for malaria prevention & control under World Bank support project. The project shall be operationalized in two phases. First phase will cover 50 most malaria endemic districts in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand & Orissa. The remaining 43 districts shall be covered from 2nd phase. All the five districts from Maharashtra have been included during the second phase of project implementation.

(c) Yes, Sir. The project activities shall be monitored by Government of India through Health Management Information System and field visits by the officers of Regional Offices of Health & Family Welfare and Directorate of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme besides periodic review by experts.

Extension of services of faculty members at AIIMS

65. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the retiring faculty members have been granted extension at the AIIMS;

(b) if so, the details thereof and grounds on which they have granted extension along with period of extension;

(c) whether same is provided in the regulations;

(d) how many faculty members have retired since last two years; and

(e) whether it is legal to provide extension in service with the premise that retirement age is likely to be increased and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Unsafe abortions

66. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: